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WE BELIEVE A SUCCESSFUL U.S. NAVAL SHIP VISIT WOULD HAVE BENEFICIAL IMPACT ON U.S.-NIGERIA RELATIONS. SOME MONTHS AGO SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE SHIP VISIT TO NIGERIA CAME UP IN INFORMAL DAO CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF, WHO APPEARED DISTINCTLY INTERESTED³ MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE EARLIER SOUNDING, HOWEVER, AND GIVEN PRESENT ATMOSPHERE, AN INQUIRY AT THIS JUNCTURE MIGHT RESULT IN NEGATIVE FMG REACTION. NEVERTHELESS, CURRENT WAVE OF XENOPHOBIA COULD SUBSIDE OVER COURSE NEXT FEW MONTHS; WE SUGGEST, IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, THAT WE TAKE ANOTHER READING OF FMG ATTITUDES LUHER IN THE YEAR.

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